

Legislature Changes Upland Game and Migratory Wild Fowl Laws; Pickerel Season Opens To-day in New Jersey

PICKEREL FISHING BEGINS IN JERSEY

To-day Sees Opening for Solitary, Savage Member of Pike Family.

BAITS AND LURES USED

By DIXIE CARROLL.

To-day is the opening of the pike and pickerel season in New Jersey, with the exception of the Delaware River, where the opening day is June 15.

Last year the New Jersey Fish Commission stocked the following streams: Atlantic county, Hammon Lake; Cumberland county, Tumbling dam; Essex county, Coble Lake, Passaic River, Branch Brook Lake; Middlesex county, Westons Lake; Monmouth county, Millhurst Lake; Morris county, Budd's Lake, Green Pond, Petersburg Pond, Peachontas Lake, Burnham Park Lake, Split Rock Pond, Hopatcong Lake, Surprise Pond.

Passaic county, Passaic River, Cold Spring, Pompton Lake, Greenwood Lake; Salem county, Diamond Lake; Sussex county, Musconetcong River; Swainson Lake, Culver's Lake, Grunwald Lake, Franklin Pond, Mooseback, Cranberry Lake; Union county, Bloodgood's Lake, Echo Lake, Branch Brook Lake, Seeley's Lake; Warren county, Guard Lake.

Fishing for pike and pickerel is not permitted between 9 P. M. and daylight the next morning.

After a few hours casting, when your rod begins to feel like a piece of lead, slip into an easy position and take a little while at trolling. Besides resting up your casting arm and putting it in shape for a double header in the afternoon you stand a mighty good chance of landing some fine fish with the least amount of exertion up to the actual process of fighting the fish.

Trolling Fat Man's Preference.

Trolling is sure the lazy, fisherman's delight and the fat man's preference. Nearly all game fish can be caught by trolling, and after the strike it takes just a little bit of time to get the fish to the fisherman to land his catch, due to the larger amount of line out at the time.

There are quite a number of flies that are good for trolling, and you can use any kind of bait or lure.

The best day for this kind of fishing is when the water is slightly ruffled by a breeze and the surface is broken by small waves. This keeps the intended victim from seeing too much for his own good. An overcast or cloudy day also adds to the attractiveness of the lure, though, although many a great catch has been made when the sun was doing his hottest.

The best time for trolling is the bristled silk or line, as the twisted line cannot be used successfully on account of the kinking caused by the twisting and turning of the line, which cannot altogether be avoided.

Baits, Spoons, Feathered Lures.

In assembling your rig for trolling don't be afraid to use swivels; they help keep the line from twisting and help keep the lure in position.

In rigging up the spoon hook for trolling, which is the most commonly used, loop the line on a swivelled eye leader. Take a No. 4 single hook or a No. 10 and at the end of the leader snap on the spoon, which for ordinary fishing for wall eyed pike or bass (sea bass) June 1st should not be larger than a No. 4, while for pike and pickerel a No. 4 to No. 6 is plenty large enough.

One of the big mistakes in using the trolling spoon is to use a No. 10 in the tandem style, with a bunch of feathered hooks on the end large enough to scare any fish or bird.

Some of the finest pike have been caught on a little No. 3 spoon with a shiner or pork rind fluttering on the hook. Take a No. 4 single hook or a No. 10 and at the end of the leader snap on the spoon, which for ordinary fishing for wall eyed pike or bass (sea bass) June 1st should not be larger than a No. 4, while for pike and pickerel a No. 4 to No. 6 is plenty large enough.

Now the time has come when you have an ideal pike trolling rig. This off with a small piece of red flannel right in front of the bait, and they cannot resist it.

Two Miles an Hour Speed.

In trolling for pike or pickerel 15 to 20 feet of line is plenty to run out behind the boat. At this distance the lure is far enough away from the boat and the line is easier handled in landing the fish.

The boat should make about two to three miles an hour, which is speed enough to keep the spoon turning and at the same time give the fish a chance to see your bait.

Always troll with your rod straight out behind the boat, never out the side at a right angle; this is treatment any fisherman would give the fish a chance to see your bait.

A mighty good thing for the rod is to use a steel rod, shorter, which gives you a dandy trolling rod for about 20 cents. Just slip on a joint, put the shorter in the grip, the second joint in the shorter, and you run no chances with your bait casting rod.

One big tip to remember in trolling with a spoon is the fact that a spoon must be spinning around in order to flash under water and attract the fish. If you will keep your eye on the rod tip occasionally you can easily tell whether the spoon is turning around by the steady bobbing of the tip.

When it quits bobbing you'd better reel in and clear off the woods. A hookful of weeds is not much inducement for a fish to strike.

For wall eyed pike put a dipsey sinker on your rig and troll deep, and if you get a strike, troll back and forth over the same water, as they feed in schools.

A fine artificial bait for the wall eyed is the Heddon Underwater Dowgie, with the green mottled back and white belly. This is a killer, while the South Bend Bassoreno, white with red head, should be called the pickerel, because it sure makes them dull their teeth.

MAINE FISHING LICENSE.

Non-residents After July 7 Must Pay Fee of \$2.15 to Fish.

BANGOR, Me., May 19.—Beginning with July 7, non-residents of Maine will have to pay a fishing license of \$2.15 to fish in inland waters. Children under 14 years, however, are exempt.

Conviction of violating any of the inland fish and game laws will result in revoking the permit. The license must be carried on one's person, whether fishing, possessing or offering fish for transportation.

Hairs on Square Inch of Bear.

MONTREAL, May 19.—How many hairs are on a square inch of a bear's skin? A count, carefully checked, because prizes were awarded to the winners closest to the actual number, disclosed that one square inch of this particular bear had 15,443 hairs.

Starting Friendless.

New York, Vermont and Connecticut have denied protection to the starling.

Three Species at Reel.

Flounders, tomcods and eels are biting at Reids, Long Island Sound.

JUNE 16 BEGINS BLACK BASS TIME

Delaware Has 100 Miles of Fine Fishing From Port Jervis to Hancock.

WEEK'S OUTING FOR \$20

By KIT CLARKE.

I have fished and caught fish in every important water in the East and have contented against every old kind of luck, good, bad, indifferent and sometimes all packed together and mixed up, and I have no hesitation in saying that the best and most accessible fishing water I have found for good fishing is the upper Delaware and the many trout brooks emptying into it in that stretch of about 100 miles between Port Jervis and Hancock.

I have devoted many weeks to this beautiful region, have walked the entire distance along the banks of the river, have fished in about every rip, eddy and brook and can safely assert that I know its nooks and moods much better than I know the English language. If all the fish I have caught there could be put together it would create a lively disturbance from Jamaica Bay to Barnegat.

Twelve years ago I sailed down the Delaware from Hancock to Lackawaxen on a timber raft, and although the water was above normal the raftmen and myself caught bass and pike in great numbers and encountered some very ferocious navigation.

Many Bass Lakes Near River.

When the Delaware starts on a rampage it can beat the cost of living in going up for at least it may be as quiet, peaceful and unassuming as any contented stream in the land and a night's rain will send it up until in the morning it will be a furious torrent, sweeping everything away on its violent tide.

Of course this will roll the water and destroy fishing for the moment, but the great fact of the river will quickly cause the overflow to run off, and when it resumes its clear, silvery flow the fishing is at its best. This is particularly true of the many fine trout brooks which empty into the river, while the best time to fish then is directly after a rain.

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Half Dozen Favored Baits.

The season for bass opens on the Delaware on June 16, and if fishing with bait there is little choice in locations, one place being about as good as another, the favored baits being minnows, hellgramite, lamprey eels, live minnows and little catfish, the latter probably being the most successful and the easiest to handle.

They are taken from under flat rocks all along the shore, in the small holes under which they snugly rest, while the hellgramite, lamprey eels and minnows are found at the mouth of any of the brooks, and are taken with the mesh bait, which should not be larger than one cent each. Trolling with spoons is usually successful, but this involves a boatman, who can be readily obtained.

About four miles from Port Jervis the Erie train crosses the Delaware at Mill Rift, and just below this bridge, at the end of the river, is a small pond, in which black bass, big in bulk and also in numbers, congregate and respond liberally to bait or flies, the fish being driven from shore, where wading boats or from boats, the latter preferred.

Lackawaxen Centre of Best Fishing.

About six miles westward at Pond Eddy, there is a long, deep pool, from which some very large bass have been taken with all kinds of bait, even the Heddon plug having celebrated its 15th birthday with success, a young New York woman having landed here and rescued a big string with her hook laden calling card.

From here to Lackawaxen the water is not only appealing but prolific, and many fine bass are taken every summer. Lackawaxen is the centre of some of the best fishing along the entire Delaware, a noted spot being the rips just below the old viaduct of the Hudson Canal, while above the viaduct there is a deep pool, where the water is very clear and full of bass, and where you are sure to meet with fishing comrades. On the bank is the only hotel on the river side along its entire course, and boats and bait can always be obtained at the hotel dock.

From here all the way westward to Tusten, a distance of eight miles, fishing is good, while at Tusten the river narrows and rushes with great velocity under the Erie railroad bridge, where the water is very clear and full of bass, and where you are sure to meet with fishing comrades. On the bank is the only hotel on the river side along its entire course, and boats and bait can always be obtained at the hotel dock.

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Angling—Joy of Youth and Fun of Grownups.



Ready for Action. Kettlebago Stream, Me. PHOTO BY H. H. HEPBURN.

ing, which merely means "see the man and give up."

It is an amazing fact that this marvellously beautiful river, with its primitive and stately forests, principally of spruce and fir, the fragrance of which in the air makes it the finest in the world for human lungs to breathe, its entire freedom from the vicious mosquito, none ever having been known; its easy accessibility and its splendid fishing and hunting are almost unknown to the metropolis.

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CAN YOU BEAT IT? 7 FISH ON A CAST

If You Doubt It C. H. Higby, Artist, Will Tell You Another.

BLACK BASS TWO A CLIP

At the twelfth annual fly and bait casting tournament of the Anglers Club of New York, which closed its three day meet yesterday, fishermen told queer fishing yarns between events.

C. H. Higby, whom Tom Confusion, Delaware River guide of Narrowsburg, N. Y., himself a host of yarns, always takes his hat off to, was in his usual form.

"After I told The Sun of taking black bass on the broken off handles of teapots which I painted so that they resembled nothing on land or under water and made black bass so angry that they took them, Dr. Stader of Narrowsburg decided that he would try queer baits.

One day when he ran out of bait while fishing for walleyed pike he took a piece of orange peel and on it landed a walleyed pike.

"They say a catfish will not take a fly. I will. My friend William Barclay, whose lake, near him, is the boundary line between Wayne and Pike counties, Pennsylvania, has tried it, and on a fly caught a catfish."

"I was trolling for muscalonge in Chautauque Lake with a spoon," remarked A. J. Marsh of the Newark Fly and Bait Casting Club, "and on the spoon, much to my surprise, I landed a German carp."

"Another time, in Greenwood Lake, New Jersey," continued Mr. Marsh, "using a white miller fly, a snapping turtle seized it."

"And that reminds me," said James S. Pettit, vice-president of the Anglers Club, "while trolling with a spoon the Rideau Lakes in Canada I hooked a loach."

"The queerest catch I ever made," broke in Mr. Higby, "was seven yellow perch on one strike."

He paused for effect.

"How did it happen?" asked The Sun reporter, not wishing to lose a good story.

"Some fishermen had been fishing the night before and strung seven yellow perch on a soft wire and put them overboard, and the top fish took my bait."

"Where was that?" asked the reporter.

"I think that must have been"—and the artist stopped and looked up at the deep clouds passing across the face of the sun—"damned if I know."

And he walked away.

"One of my queerest catches," said F. G. Henry, who had been fishing, "was two black bass I caught in Lake McGregor, Blackburn Mills, Canada, that Bob Davis discovered, where he and his deer hox, both the animals in South-looked good to me, and Jim Pettit and I decided to go across the border and see what there was in the story of this lake."

"I will tell you about the two black bass in a moment."

"Black bass were so plentiful that Pettit took in the nine days he fished 545 black bass, putting them all back except those that we needed for the table. His fish were all taken on flies except the largest, a 4½ pounder taken on pork rind. I did not keep track of my fish, but I did equally as well, my heaviest fish being a pound lighter than Pettit's."

"One of my catches was a 2 pound bass and the other a 1½ pounder. I was using a three ounce rod, and both struck at the same time. It was like guiding a pair of mules. First one would go up and the other would follow. They had no idea what team work was like. They just seemed, and I got them. In Bob Davis's tips are a lot of things."

Complaints to Gov. Edge that deer were destroying crops resulted in the suggestion by the Game Commission that their wardens be instructed to use buckshot on deer and drive them back into the woods.

The Department of Conservation and Development on the other hand, recommends taking away deer's protection entirely.

Gov. Edge, to avoid any misunderstanding, has sent the following letter to the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners:

"It has been brought to my attention that in some sections of the State where deer abound an improper advantage might be taken of my suggestion that farmers affected would be justified in shooting deer actually destroying